

PATENT

Old Atty Docket No.: 57430-00008

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Norberto A. Guzman, Ph.D.

Serial No. 10/728,499

Filed: December 5, 2003

For: **ELECTROPHORESIS APPARATUS
HAVING STAGGERED PASSAGE
CONFIGURATION (As Amended)**

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: Unsu Jung

Confirmation No. 9723

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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROSECUTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.103

Sir:

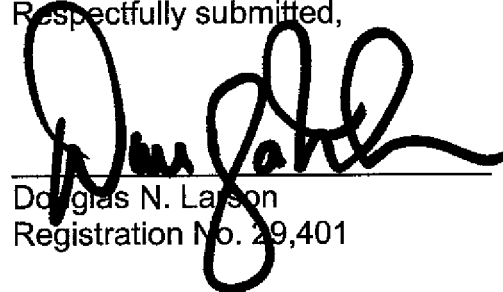
Applicant respectfully petitions for a suspension of action by the Office in this application for a reasonable time period of one month.

With respect to the action mailed on July 31, 2006, a response was filed on February 5, 2007; and thus no reply is outstanding.

The suspension of action is requested for good and sufficient cause, as follows: Additional time is needed to prepare a draft Supplemental Amendment, conduct a telephone interview with Examiner Jung to discuss same, and finalize and file the Supplemental Amendment. This Supplemental Amendment will respond to patentability concerns raised by Examiner Jung in a telephone interview (which was initiated by Examiner Jung) with the below-signed counsel on April 19, 2007.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$200.00 and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0440.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas N. Larson", is written over a horizontal line.

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